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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN GALVEZ

1. POLOFF AND CEN DIRECTOR LAZAR HAD CONVERSATION WITH FONKIN GALVEZ ON JUNE 24. GLAVEZ STATED THAT HE WAS AWAITING CALL FROM FONMIN BORGONOVO OF EL SALVADOR TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES THAT COULD LEAD TO A RENEWAL OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. HE RECOUNTED THE PROPOSALS HE HAD MADE AT COMMITTEE OF SEVEN MEETING AND REMARKED THAT BORGONOVO ACCEPTED THEM AD REFERENDUM AND HAD PROMISED TO CALL HIM AFTER DISCUSSING PROPOSALS WITH GOES LEADERS.

2. GALVEZ EMPHASIZED CONCERN GOH FEELS ABOUT SEVERAL RECENT INCURSIONS OF SALVADORANS ALONG HONDURAN BORDER, AND SAID IT  
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IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT SALVADORAN CAMPESINOS MAY HAVE

BEEN AIDED BY GOES ARMED FORCES TO ADVANCE INTO THOSE AREAS. GALVEZ REMARKED HE IS AWAITING INFORMATION FROM HONDURAN GENERAL STAFF ABOUT SITUATION. HE POINTED OUT THAT GOH WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO SEND TROOPS TO AREAS TO EXPEL SALVADORANS IF THEY DO NOT LEAVE HONDURAN TERRITORY VOLUNTARILY. HE SAID THAT GOH WANTS TO DO ALL IT CAN TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH SALVADORANS BUT POSSIBILITY OF ESCALATION ALWAYS EXISTS. HE SAID THAT THE BORDER SITUATION HAD NOT BEEN PUBLICIZED BY GOH AND THAT HE IS DOING WHATEVER HE CAN TO DOWNPLAY INCIDENTS SO THAT IT IS NOT TURNED INTO A POLITICAL ISSUE IN THE PUBLIC ARENA. LOCAL MEDIA ARE GIVING MATTER CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY. CEN DIRECTOR EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ISSUE COULD BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY.

3. FONMIN GALVEZ ALSO STATED THAT MEETING OF CHIDFS OF STATE HAD NOT BEEN FIXED FOR JUNE 30 AS REPORTED BY PRESS. HE SAID THAT MEETING HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR FIRST TWO WEEKS IN JULY BUT FINAL DECISION ON DATE HAD NOT BEEN REACHED. GALVEZ SAID THAT HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR DISPUTE WOULD NOT BE TOPIC. HE REMARKED THAT SEVERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES WOULD BE DISCUSSED, BUT THAT MAJOR SUBJECT WILL BE A CENTRAL AMERICAN PROJECT FOR FERTILIZER PRODUCTION.

4. SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH EX-FONMIN BATRES AND FOREIGN MINISTRY POLICARPO CALLEJAS INDICATE THAT HONDURAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SALVADORAN MOVES ALONG BORDER. THEY ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER INCURSIONS OF CAMPESINOS WERE INITIATED BY GOES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WHAT SALVADORANS MAY PERCEIVE AS GOH WEAKNESS ARISING FROM CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION.

5. COMMENT: THERE IS LITTLE QUESTION THAT GOH WORRIED ABOUT PRESENT BORDER SITUATION. WHETHER INCURSIONS HAVE BEEN CORRECTLY REPORTED BY GOH MILITARY IS STILL UNCLEAR. IN ANY EVENT THE RECENT EVENTS HAVE INCREASED HONDURAN SUSPICIONS ABOUT SALVADORAN MOTIVES. THEY DO NOT COMPLETELY DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY OF SPONTANEOUS ACTION BY SALVADORAN CAMPESINOS, BUT THEY ARE SKEPTICAL OF SUCH "SPONTANEITY". EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT SALVADORAN AND HONDURAN DEFENSE MINISTERS WILL ATTEND JUNE 30 ARMY DAY IN GUATEMALA. QUESTION MAY BE RAISED AT THAT TIME BY GOH DEFMIN.  
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